



**Meet Christ.**  
**Be Christ.**

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**Hello, St. Christopher's Community!**

**Please Remember to Change your Clocks this weekend!**



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**Beauty, Eh?** *by Fr. Randy+*

This past mid-week has given us a reminder of just how tenuous our lives can be when it comes to the whims of the weather world. Nature turned on a dime from late winter highs in the low 50s, to quickly catch the blast of the west wind sweeping across the plains. Winter storm and blizzard warnings heralded driving rains which quickly turned in to nine inches of drifted, cardiac –event causing shoveling to be the order of the day.

It was absolutely breathtaking to watch the heavy snow blasting the landscape —building drifts up to my knees and coating everything with a heavy, sugar-frost coating. As our Canadian siblings would quip; “*Beauty, Eh?*”

But then, I began thinking about the other beauty I had been noticing over the past few days in our glorious dance with God’s nature creation. Just days before, I noticed small buds forming on the tips of tree limbs. Flocks of young turkey hens were running along the walking paths of my neighborhood. Songbirds were chirping their spring songs across the adjacent wetlands. Young deer were wandering about the rolling hills and dales, seeking late-winter food sources and enjoying the warmth of the sun on their grey-brown backs. “*Beauty, Eh?*”

But in the midst of the driving cold rain, windswept blizzard snows, and dropping temperatures, I looked out the window and began worrying about the

health and well-being of the wildlife in this unrelenting storm—bravely facing the hardships persecuted upon them by Mother Nature.

I then remembered this passage from Job 39...

**Job 39:1-4**

**39** *“Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?  
Do you observe the calving of the deer?”*

**2** *Can you number the months that they fulfill,  
and do you know the time when they give birth,*

**3** *when they crouch to give birth to their offspring  
and are delivered of their young?*

**4** *Their young ones become strong; they grow up in the open;  
they go forth and do not return to them.*

This passage comes in the middle of God’s long response to Job and his friends. In this response, God reminds Job that it is God who created each living thing--that it is God who watches over the earth and all that God made. But what’s beautiful about this proclamation is the intimacy of God’s knowledge.

This isn’t the voice of a distant overseer. Rather, it is the voice of the one who made each living thing. God speaks of the smallest details of these creatures’ lives—when they give birth, what they eat, where they sleep, their flying patterns. It is a reminder to Job that God is a God of details, of the small moments, that God pays attention to the first steps of a deer and to the nest of the eagle. The animals are not held up as superior to humans. Instead, they are examples of the fullness of God’s care for all creation—human being and animal alike.

And that being said and known as truth, I believe God will continue to care for all of God’s beloved creation. God will care for all nature, just as God will care for each of us as humankind struggles and twists and turns in the wild buffeting of the world events of our day. God is ever present with us and we will remain in God’s care. This truth is the gift we always can count on. *“Beauty, Eh?”*



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## St. Christopher's Lenten Soup Suppers 2025



Mark Your Calendars! A simple soup supper will be provided from 5:30-7:00 PM each Wednesday throughout Lent: March 12, 19, 26 and April 2 & 9. Questions? Contact Kim Johnson (651.210.7077) or Ann Trapnell (651.325.8801).

**Lent Food Drive** "Pay it Forward": Please bring one non-perishable food item—we will have a table in the parish hall to drop off non-perishables for the food shelf during Lent. Our goal is 200 items.

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## Adult Formation Opportunities for Lent

**Sundays: Join us for "Ashes to Ashes"**  
**9:15-10:15 in the Parish Hall - 3/9 - 4/6**

In our Christian faith, the time of Lent is one in which we ponder both our own mortality and the eternal life we will share. It is customary to give thought to our own final days, as well as how we would like to be remembered. While it is a bit sobering to actually plan all that is involved, it can be a great gift to our loved ones if we leave our final wishes in order.

We will begin and end with an overview of the BCP's Burial Rite and plan or update our own memorial choices, led by clergy. In the intervening weeks, we will hear from a local attorney who specializes in wills and trusts; a representative from a local funeral service regarding burial options; and from our own Leslie and Joel Norton, both skilled medical professionals, about emergency response as well as health care directives.

Please join us for this series, and ask any questions about the planning process that you need. Contact [Marilyn+](#) with any questions. Please also see the March **e-Traveler** for more offerings.

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## We Get By with A Little Help from Our Friends

I am here again to ask all of you to volunteer for a week of snow shoveling for the church!

Shoveling weeks are Monday-to-Sunday (because no one wants to wake up to snow on Sunday and not remember that it's the START of your week). \*\*When you sign up, please mark your calendar so you remember which week you "took." Thanks!

Anything over **1.5** inches is covered by our plowing service *when they plow*, BUT, we do need help sometimes mid-day to keep things safe before they arrive. Sand and salt are in (or near) the entries. Call the office if you have

questions!

*THANK YOU* to each and every person and family who has signed up to help!

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## Prayer List Requests

Have you noticed a "Prayer Requests" button on our website? This is a very short form to add a name to our prayer list! Requests will be monitored Monday through Friday and added to the list published on Fridays. You may, of course, still call the office to add or remove a name from the list. AND, you can use this QR Code to go right to the website!



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## Upcoming Lectionary Readings

### March 9: Lent 1, Year C

Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42; 1 Corinth. 15:35-38, 42-50;  
Luke 6:27-38.

### March 16: Lent 2, Year C

Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42; 1 Corinth. 15:35-38, 42-50;  
Luke 6:27-38.

## Sunday Ministries March 9

### 8:00 AM

Lectors - John L, Ann T  
Intercessor - Chris M  
LEM - Chris M  
Usher - Pete & Cindy L  
Altar Guild - Robert W  
Coffee Host: Mary P, Betsy W

### 10:30 AM

Nursery: Jane S, Becky L  
Lectors - Josh K, Lyn L  
Intercessor - Katherine J  
LEM - Lyn L, Marion H  
Crucifer - Angela R  
Ushers - Mark B, Wendy B  
Altar Guild - Jean H  
Coffee Hosts - Becky L & Robin M

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